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SUBJ: DANIESL & BELL, INC., VISIT

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1. SUBJECT FIRM'S THREE MAN DEL VISITED COTONOU AUG 25-28 AND HELD DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS INVESTMENT PROSPECTS WITH MRGD OFFICIALS. WHILE NOT DEPARTING EMPTY HANDED, TEAM DID NOT HAVE AS MUCH SUCCESS HERE AS IN LOME (REF B). AS WITH LOME, TRAVERS BELL PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN FUTURE.

2. ACCORDING TO BEL AND THOMAS BOURELLY, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MRGD OFFICIALS CENTERED ON MONO HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT AND SUGAR REFINERY/CEMENT PLANT INVESTMENT PROJECTS. NIGERIA-TOGO POWER TRANSMISSION LINE NOT DISCUSSED. MRGD TENTATIVE ABOUT PURSUING MONO DAM PENDING FURTHER FEASIBILITY STUDY BY TEAM OF UN EXPERTS EXPECTED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. MINFIN
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STAFF, HOWEVER, VERY FORTHCOMING ON OTHER PROJECTS WHEN DANIELS

& BELL SUGGESTED FINANCING/MARKETING DEALS FOR SUGAR AND CEMENT PLANTS. MINFIN ASSOGBA, HOWEVER, REFUSED AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF DATA ON PROJECTS UNTIL HE HAD CHANCE TO REVIEW IT PERSONALLY. ASSOGBA OR HIS ADVISER, LOUIS VIEYRA, GOING TO US FOR IMF MEETING; DANIELS & BELL REPS PLAN MEET WITH HIM IN THEIR NEW YORK OFFICE TO EXPLORE ARAS FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION.

3. FOR LOME: IF YOU FIND FURTHER INFO ON MONO DAY PROJECT, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING IT HERE.

4. COMMENT: DANIELS AND BELL VISIT MORE IMPRESSIVE FOR TEAM'S ENTHUSIASM THAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS. POST WONDERS ABOUT FIRM'S ABILITY TO HANDLE CONCURRENTLY ALL PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS IN BOTH TOGO AND DAHOMEY. HOWEVER, TEAM WAS FAIRLY OPEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFFS AND IS EAGERLY AWAITING MINFIN REP VISIT IN NEW YORK.
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